

## REMARKS

In response to Office Action mailed March 8, 2006, requesting an election of claims for examination purposes, Applicant elects the claims of Group I including Claims 1-10 without traverse as to Group II. Examination on the merits is requested at the earliest possible date.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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